

**CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
FEBRUARY 8, 2022
KIVA HUT – 402 PARK STREET
6:30 P.M.**

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the 8th day of February, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.

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1. Call to order and quorum check.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. VISITORS - At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.
4. Proclamation Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention month 2022.
5. Discuss, consider, and take action on Audit presentation for FYE 2020 by Raul Hernandez & Company, P.C.
6. Discuss, consider and take action on Request for Proposals for Auditing Services for FYE 2021. *(city staff)*
7. Discussion, consider and take action on a Preliminary Capital Improvement Plan for the City of Taft. *(city staff)*
8. Discuss, consider and act to approve the plans and overall layout for an access ramp from the city sidewalk into the Taft Blackland Museum located at 301 Green Avenue. *(Mayor Powell)*
9. Discuss, consider, and take action to approve the use of Memorial Park and the Taft Recreational Park, the waiver of peddler and rental fees, and the closure of streets on September 16, 17, and 18, 2022 for a Bollweevil Festival hosted by the Taft Chamber of Commerce. *(Councilman Vasquez)*

10. Discuss, consider and take action to approve a three-day waiver on Ordinance No. 779, Section V, to allow the sale of alcohol by the Taft Chamber of Commerce on September 16, 17, and 18, 2022 for the Bollweevil Festival. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
11. Discuss, consider and take action on revisiting the five(5) day work week for the City of Taft. *(Councilman Vara)*
12. Discussion regarding the Crime Rate and mitigating measures taken. *(Councilman Vara)*
13. Discussion regarding Employee Certification/Training Status. *(Councilman Vara)*
14. Update regarding Rincon Road. *(Councilman Vara)*
15. Update regarding Fire Hydrants. *(Councilman Vara)*
16. Update regarding preconstruction meeting regarding the New Fire Truck. *(city staff)*
17. Update regarding the preconstruction meeting for the CDBG-DR GLO Project for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Streets. *(city staff)*
18. Update regarding the Texas Community Resiliency Program Grant Application. *(city staff)*
19. Update regarding the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application. *(city staff)*
20. Update on the street sweeper. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
21. Discuss and consider update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures. *(city staff)*
22. Discuss monthly reports for police department, animal control, code enforcement, public works, and fire department. *(city staff)*
23. City Council Requests and Announcements:
 - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
24. Executive Session:
 1. Convene into executive session pursuant to section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act to consider and evaluate current engagement between City of Taft and City Attorney David Aken. (Mayor Powell)
 2. Convene into executive session pursuant to Section 551.074 Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to wit: Chief of Police Ponce Trevino. (Councilman Vasquez)
25. Reconvene into open session and consider action, if necessary, on any item(s) discussed in Executive Session.
26. Adjournment.

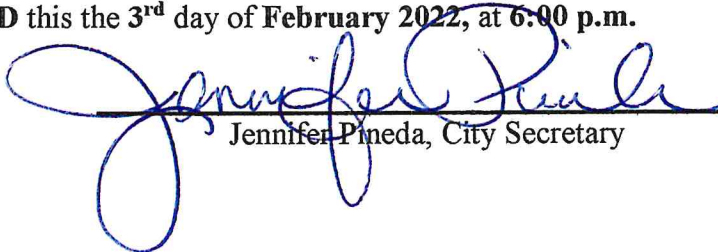
A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where **legal advice** is requested of the City Attorney.
2. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 The **purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property**, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
3. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.073 A **contract for a prospective gift or donation** to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
4. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.074 **Personnel matters** involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee.
5. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.076 The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of **security personnel or devices**.
6. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.087 Deliberations regarding **economic development negotiations**.

NOTICE

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.

DATED and POSTED this the 3rd day of February 2022, at 6:00 p.m.



Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary